

The January 8, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 5:04 p.m. in the Town Hall Central Meeting Room by First Selectman Beth Heller.

Present: First Selectman Beth Heller; Deputy First Selectman Mica Cardozo; Joseph Crisco, Joseph Dey, and Sandra Stein.

Present for Staff: Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Anthony Genovese; Town Counsel Gerald Weiner; Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla; and Board Clerk Geraldine Shaw.

ACTION TAKEN AT THE MEETING

DECISION – RE ORDINANCES

At a Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2020, and following a duly noticed Public Hearing held on January 8, 2020, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Woodbridge acting as the legislative body of said Town and pursuant to Section 4.5(e) of the Charter of the Town of Woodbridge adopted the following changes to the Ordinances.

1) Chapter 175-2, D, (11) Blighted Premises - is amended to address various elements of deteriorated properties. (Rowland – Dey) Unanimously Approved

2) Chapter 370 – Stormwater Management - The existing Ordinance is amended to bring it into compliance with the State of Connecticut Requirements. (Rowland – Stein) Unanimously Approved

3) Agricultural Commission – The proposed new ordinance establishes an Agricultural Commission to help identify issues of concern to farmers, to raise public awareness of the benefits of local farms and working lands, and to identify ways in which the Town can support the business and land use needs of local farms. (Heller – Cardozo) Unanimously Approved

NOTE - These amendments and new Agricultural Commission Ordinance become effective February 22, 2020.

TAX REFUNDS

Pursuant to Section 12-124 to 129 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the recommendation of the Woodbridge Tax Collector, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Rowland) to refund Real Estate taxes in the amount of \$5,324.76 and Motor Vehicle taxes in the amount of \$1,827.65 for a total of \$7,152.41.

FUNDING REQUESTS

The Board of Selectmen acted on the following funding requests to be forwarded to the Board of Finance:

#1920-11 - Intradepartmental Transfer Amount: \$8,000
To: Human Services General Professional Svc. (1410-00/52100)
From: Human Services Part Time all Other (1410-00/50350)
For: Cover the cost of senior luncheon meals & St. Patrick's Day Luncheon from January 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2020
(Dey – Cardozo) Unanimously Approved

#1920-12 – Allocation Amount: \$30,000
To: Fire Department Repair Maint. & Machinery (1230-00/53519)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-00/56800)
For: To cover possible shortfall in Repair and Machinery Account
(Heller – Crisco) VOTE: Aye – Heller, Crisco, Dey, Rowland
Nay – Stein, Cardozo

1920-13 – Allocation Amount: \$10,000
To: Board of Selectmen Gen'l. Professional Svc. (1110-00/52100)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-00/56800)
For: Fund Phase II of security review of Beecher Road School

Decision: This item is postponed until receipt of Phase I report and February meeting

1920-14 – Allocation Amount: \$3,540.00
To: Board of Selectmen Gen'l. Professional Svc. (1110-00/52100)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-00/56800)
For: General Consulting for Environmental Services related to the Country Club of Woodbridge
(Heller –Dey) Amended: Mr. Genovese is to find another funding source. With the amendment, the transfer was unanimously approved.

1920-15 – Allocation Amount: \$20,000
To: Public Works Rentals – Equipment (1310-00/53610)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-00/5680)
For: Fund removal of diseased and storm damaged trees

Consensus: Postponed to February Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Connors, Director of Public Works, to attend and present a report.

BID AWARD – OLD FIRE HOUSE BAY 2 ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Stein) to award the bid for the Old Fire House Bay 2 roof replacement to J. Antonelli Roofing, 25 Crescent Street, Stamford, CT in the amount of \$38,411.

EVENT APPLICATION

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Dey) to approve Ms. Yagla's application for a May 2, 2020 event entitled Sustainable Woodbridge Day.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF OLD FIRE HOUSE

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Stein – Rowland) to approve the use of the second floor of the Old Fire House for a place of public assembly; and to continue to negotiate the day time use for the Amity Regional School District Transition Program.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Dey) to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and hire David Newkirk to fill the vacant position of Maintainer III in the Public Works Department: Compensation: \$27.06/hour; contingent on: a successful background check, pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol test, and completion of 120 days probation period.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Stein) to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk's reports for the month ending December 31, 2019 and cumulative from July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to approve the minutes of December 11, 2019.

RESIGNATIONS

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Rowland) to acknowledge receipt of the following resignation: Chester Sharp – Recreation Commission; and Julie Parr – Conservation Commission.

APPOINTMENTS

Cable Advisory Council Area 2 – The Board of Selectmen **VOTED** to appoint George Grotheer to representative the Board of Selectmen on the Cable Advisory Council Area 2 for a term ending June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Aye – Heller, Crisco, Stein, Cardozo, Rowland
Nay – Dey

Library Commission – The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Cardozo – Stein) to appoint Bettina Scott Brogadir to fill the vacancy on the Library Commission for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Recreation Commission – The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Cardozo – Stein) to appoint Kimberly Hynes to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Commission for a term ending June 30, 2021.

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – The Board of Selectmen **VOTE UNANIMOUSLY** (Cardozo – Stein) to appoint Celia Waters to the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate for a term ending June 30, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:37 p.m. the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Dwight) to move into executive session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(C) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss public safety. Invited to attend: Robert Berke, Chair of the Police Commission, Police Chief Frank Cappiello, Town Counsel Gerald Weiner, and Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Anthony Genovese.

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Berke and Chief Cappiello left the executive and Chief Animal Control Officer Karen Lombardi was invited to attend.

At 9:14 p.m. Ms. Heller closed the executive session and resumed the regular Board of Selectmen meeting.

CANCELLED SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Stein) to cancel #19 on the agenda, executive session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) re contract negotiations to sell a portion of the CCW property.

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Cardozo, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk